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Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2008 1:00 PM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Weekly: Big Labor, the Elections, and You

From: membership@uschamber.com [mailto:membership@uschamber.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2008 12:31 PM
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Subject: Weekly: Big Labor, the Elections, and You

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Big Labor, the Elections, and You

By Tom Donohue

The *Wall Street Journal* ran a story last week that should be a wake-up call to the business community. The article says big labor is "growing new political muscles" and is now "the single-strongest force in elections" outside the two national political parties.

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by David Chavern

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Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2008 2:54 PM
To: govpalin@alaska.gov
Subject: FYI - Email

Web mail from: Mr. RON JONES

address: 2801 S. MORAIN PL. KENNEWICK WA 99337

509-585-5018

MESSAGE:

HON. SARAH----JUST WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT WE ARE ALL SO VERY PROUD OF YOU. WE TRY TO KEEP UP WITH ALL THAT IS GOING ON IN ALASKA. KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK. YOUR FUTURE IS VERY BRIGHT. MAYBE YOU, TODD AND THE KIDS CAN VISIT THIS SUMMER. THE BEST TO THE BEST GOV. IN AMERICA. RON AND COLLEEN

FATKIDRON@AOL.COM

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Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2008 2:53 PM
To: govpalin@alaska.gov
Subject: FYI - What a nice email!

Web mail from: Hank Nelson

address: 2160 . Gwene Lane Wasilla, AK 99654 357-2320

MESSAGE:

Greetings! We love you Governor Palin,(How sweet it for Pat and I to address you that way!) and we just want you to know how very proud we are of you...in every respect. We are very pleased in the way you have sought to represent all Alaskans and for standing up for Alaska and the gas pipeline. There is so much we would like to say and share with you, but your time is precious and so for now, we will close with this: We pray for you every single morning and at night before retiring. God bless

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=GOVERNOR]
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2008 10:55 AM
To: Spencer; Kari L (GOV); Provost; Kathryn T (GOV)
Subject: FW: Public_Safety

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Saturday, January 19, 2008 9:08 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Public_Safety

Web mail from: Mr. Ronald Jordan

address: 8170 Woodgreen Cir. Anchorage AK 99518

907-345-2755

MESSAGE:

Goveror Palin

It has been a great disappointment to learn that "Wildlife Mitigation" fencing is not in the ADOT budget. Last year 6 people were killed in the State of Alaska in moose auto accidents. How many more people will be killed becase of the short changing Alaskans on safety on the Alaska highways? Only god knows.

In my community council area we have had over 350 moose auto accidents in 14 years and on person killed last December and that person had returned from Iraq two weeks before that.

You had a big deal about what to do with surplus monies from oil. I think that you need to think of highway safety in the 2008/2009 budget.

Wildlife fencing is needed in Fairbanks, Wasilla, Palmer Hay flats, Anchorage, and on the Kenai. I know that wildlife fencing will not stop all accidents but it will inmprove the highway safety.

This is not a fish and game issue, it is only A ADOT issue. Please leade from the front on this issue and get good people to look closer at this issue.

Sincerely

Ronald Jordan

Anchorage, Alaska

akrljordan@hotmail.com

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2008 10:48 PM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Todd; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: DC

J- pls make sure the first DC trip in February is cancelled, as it's not worth the criticism received for traveling out of state twice in one month.we're too busy in the office anyway at that time. Thanks

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2008 10:33 PM
To: Frye; Ivy J (DOA)
Subject: Anna

Ivy- I heard second hand that Anna sent you a nasty email. What's up? What was the content?

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2008 10:08 PM
To: Kreitzer; Annette E (DOA)
Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Fw: Boards

Annette- I need to borrow Ivy for just a bit so Boards and Commission can get caught up and forward names to Legislature for confirmation asap. I asked Ivy first, assuming she'd say she was game to help Frank on this - thankfully she does say "yay", so I would greatly appreciate your allowance of this. She's multi-talented and always so helpful... thanks for understanding on this.

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From: "Frye, Ivy J (DOA)" <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 22 Jan 2008 21:45:50

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com, ftb907@yahoo.com,"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: Boards

Of course! Anything at all you need, I'm there. We'll get the confirmation letter cranked out.

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: Frank Bailey <ftb907@yahoo.com>; Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Mason, Janice L (GOV); Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Sent: Tue Jan 22 21:36:59 2008

Subject: Boards

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Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2008 10:02 PM
To: Frye; Ivy J (DOA)
Subject: Re: Todd

Ahhhh - that's refreshing.

What a frickin' week this has been. Thanks for the lift "up", ivy!

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From: "Frye, Ivy J (DOA)" <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 22 Jan 2008 22:03:10

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Todd

Just heard from Todd-he's awesome. You guys are so gracious to take the time to reach out to people-really. I always have your back governor, you don't even have to ask.

I've read this scripture several times this week and thought you would appreciate: Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart. Psalm 31:24

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Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2008 10:01 PM
To: Frank Bailey; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV); Frye; Ivy J (DOA)
Subject: Re: Boards

Sounds great - and thanks for the reply also Ivy.

I look forward to working w you guys on this.

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From: frank bailey <ftb907@yahoo.com>

Date: Tue, 22 Jan 2008 22:47:46

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com, Mike Tibbles <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>, Janice Mason <janice.mason@alaska.gov>, Ivy Frye <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: Boards

I emailed Ivy tonight and it just may help a little bit. I don't know that full-time is really necessary but I've asked for her help.

Thanks for providing time for us. Dan and I are in conference now working through them. It isn't quite as bad as we thought, but there are still a lot to get done in the next 8 days.

Thanks for your support.

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To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV); Todd
Subject: Re: Passing of Chief Marie Smith Jones -

We can do this from our end Kris. Thanks!

Janice- would u make sure colleen and/or mark knows of this? Thanks

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From: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 22 Jan 2008 20:50:05

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com, Janice Mason <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Cc:K Perry <kris.perry@alaska.gov>, Mike Tibbles <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,Sharon Leighow <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>,Beth Leschper <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>, Todd <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>

Subject: RE: Passing of Chief Marie Smith Jones -

This shouldn't be a problem. When I spoke to Tara earlier she was working on a letter. Colleen should be able to attend. Mark is in the office as well so will be there to cover. I'll follow-up w/Colleen.

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From: "gov.sarah@yahoo.com" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: "Janice Mason" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Cc: "K Perry" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>; "Mike Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>; "Sharon Leighow" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>; "Beth Leschper" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>; "Todd" <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>

Sent: 1/22/2008 8:45 PM

Subject: Re: Passing of Chief Marie Smith Jones -

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Lt. Governor: if at all possible, if we're missing any appts that are being requested by local officials, can we tap into your office for assistance? There are only so many hrs in the day, we're not refusing anyone an opportunity to meet with me and/or third floor officials, but evidently some AML members don't think we're trying hard enough. I am canceling more internal mtgs with staff to meet with others, but still... there are only so many slots in one day. Thanks

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Williams from ketchikan. But I guess williams from kenai (who we meet with quite often) also griped about lack of access today too.

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Date: Tue, 22 Jan 2008 20:07:11

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Re: Anne Sutton AP article

is this mayor williams from kenai? If so- he has a meeting with the 3rd floor tomorrow or Thursday and anne sutton knows that because I told her ARGH! I haven't read the article yet - having trouble accessing it.

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To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV)
Cc: Mason; Janice L (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Ruaro; Randall P (GOV); Kelly; Russell T (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Frank Bailey; Kim; Anna C (GOV); Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: Anne Sutton AP article

It's a scorcher. Mayor Williams' complaint (and Tim Beck's) that I won't/didn't spend time w/ the Mayors... sheeeesh...

Sharon's comment was great that those who ask will get time with me/our office. That's our committment.

I don't want this issue to grow legs, so whatever we have to do to make sure we're not double-booking or ignoring Mayors who will scream that they're being ignored - we'll do it.

Mayor Williams says I condemned former Govs for ignoring them - I know I have not done that and it'd be refreshing if reporters asked for facts to back up complaints like that... but anyway we'll keep trying to plug local officials into the schedule as best we can - even if that means cancelling other internal mtgs or outside speeches. Thanks

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

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From: Karen Pletnikoff [karenp@apiai.org]
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2008 4:07 PM
To: Karen Pletnikoff; Mike Brubaker; Dimitri Philemonof; Ken Selby; Carolyn Crowder; Ruby; Scott (CED); iko.tribe@hotmail.com; mayormax@yahoo.com; m_chercasen@msn.com; richardmo@deltawestern.com; lestenkofsnp@hotmail.com; pazavadil@tribaleco.com; sallymerculief@starband.net; gweaver@apicda.com; sarahmerculief84@msn.com; secc@ak-prepared.com; Seifert; Kerry A (MVA); Alvin Merculief; mikep@deltawestern.com; LCotter371@aol.com; annaclestenkof@yahoo.com; max_malavan@hotmail.com; Seifert; Kerry A (MVA); Margaret Galovin; Dand@aleutian-housing.com; chaluka_1@yahoo.com; hhowarth@rasmuson.org; jbeckford@aleutregion.org; TACDirectors@aleutcorp.com; Berg; Adam C (LAA); Palin; Sarah H (GOV); Hoffman; Lyman F (LAA); Edgmon; Bryce E (LAA); Notti; Emil R (CED); iko.tribe@hotmail.com; adak_96@yahoo.com; Gibson; Earl (CED); Hakala; Leona L (AIDEA); dmagone@arctic.net
Cc: Community Services Department; marvsmith.lpboro@starband.net; Ruby; Scott (CED); steve@aceaircargo.com; Doris Kompkoff; Michele Klaas
Subject: Nikolski Fuel Crisis Update - January 22nd, 2008

Dear All:

The community members of Nikolski were able to recover the loader and lines. They have changed the oil in the loader and need a new starter, before determining whether or not it will be salvageable. Magone Marine is assisting in locating a starter. The community will attempt to develop a stronger beach anchor with local supplies. The Redeemer is in Dutch Harbor.

The weather outlook for this week is not promising. This weekend looks to be the nearest opportunity but the forecast will be updated as the week progresses. APIA, APICDA, Nikolski IRA Council, and Magone Marine are all working closely to see that this next emergency fuel delivery occurs. The community has an estimated two weeks of fuel remaining. They are burning heating oil for electricity, a costly situation.

A new update will follow upon new information. Please let me know if you need any more information.

Karen Pletnikoff
Cell 250-9686

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2008 4:02 PM
To: zuccarot@acsalaska.net
Subject: RE: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2008 1:45 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

Web mail from: Thomas Zuccaro

address: 2149 Voyager St. North Pole AK 99705

488-5698

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,

I received a response from Gen McManus today, and I strongly disagree with the findings of her CDI absolving all involved in the flight of an AKANG HH-60 flight into our private subdivision.

I thought only the President of the United States could take a military helicopter into a private residence?

I assess the CDI report to be nothing less than a cover-up. I would like to address my concerns with someone outside the AKANG. If someone could contact me I would appreciate it.

Very Respectfully,

Tom Zuccaro

zuccarot@acsalaska.net

Unknown

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2008 2:30 PM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: Governor- is this quote about the ferry service okay?

Great

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 22 Jan 2008 14:31:18

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Governor- is this quote about the ferry service okay?

The Marine Highway system will continue to be an important part of our state's transportation system. However, all state agencies and operations need to be fiscally responsible when providing services to Alaskans. With fuel and labor costs continually increasing, it is a particularly difficult challenge for the managers of the Marine Highway to find a reasonable balance.

Sharon Leighow

Deputy Press Secretary

Deputy Communications Director

(907) 269-7450 Anchorage

(907) 465-4031 Juneau

(907) 240-7943 cell

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2008 1:05 PM
To: Frye; Ivy J (DOA)
Subject: Re: Coffee?

Shoot- just ate... So next time! And I still haven't taken the opportunity to thank you for the Willow Watching - THANK YOU!

------Original Message------

From: Ivy Frye

To: Governor Sarah Palin

Sent: Jan 22, 2008 1:03 PM

Subject: Coffee?

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2008 1:08 PM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Speech

The guys don't need to post that speech, eh? No need to.

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From: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SRPARNELL1]
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2008 12:24 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Fw: AML

My inbox says this didn't get delivered to you first time. Just wanted you to have the heads up indicated below. Sean

----- Original Message -----

From: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)

To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com' <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tue Jan 22 10:12:46 2008

Subject: Re: AML

Thanks for keeping me in loop. Haven't seen any of it but it sounds like Kate. :) is it?

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: Leschper, Beth (GOV)

Cc: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)

Sent: Tue Jan 22 08:09:33 2008

Subject: AML

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2008 11:26 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: FW: Other

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Saturday, January 19, 2008 1:57 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Nathan Elmore

address: 4000 Furrow Creek Rd Anchorage AK 99516

907-748-6283

MESSAGE:

I'm sorry - I discovered the "tab" button automatically sends your unfinished, unedited letter right away without confirmation. You might want to address that.

I'm a grassroots organizer here for Mike Huckabee, and you know how important names are to grassroots campaigns, as we cheered for every endorsement we could get for you!

Please consider endorsing Mike Huckabee in his bid for the Republican presidential nomination. I believe that our values and priorities (his, mine, and yours!) are in agreement, and I really believe that Mike represents us much more than the other candidates running. I am delighted to be able to say with conviction that Mike also has the best chance of succeeding in the national race. He has kept the campaign clean, he has maintained a beautiful record on the issues as Governor, and has non-evasive answers to what few smears others try to throw at him. He is genuine, experienced, ethical, charismatic, and he's introducing phenominal and realistic solutions to the nation's problems - not just vague ideas, but actual plans that people can rally behind!

I believe that Huckabee is God's man for the job, just as you were God's woman for this one! It would mean so much to our state and our country for you to stand on his side. Thank you very much for your thought and prayer on the subject.

Here's to individuals making a difference!

Sincerely,

C. Nathan Elmore

Assistant Organizer - Alaskans For Huckabee

907-748-6283

c_nathan_elmore@yahoo.com

P.S. - If you would like more detail on his positions, his official website is www.MikeHuckabee.com

c_nathan_elmore@yahoo.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2008 11:21 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV); Wilken; Jessica M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Land_use

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2008 9:31 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Land_use

Web mail from: Gina Poths

address: 11600 Trails End Road Anchorage AK 99507

907-345-6723

MESSAGE:

I am with the Personal Watercraft Club of Alaska (PWCA) and we have sent Governor Palin 4 letters over the course of the last 9 months. We have not had any reply from her office. Although we have not agreed with the past administrations politics regarding land/water equal access issues we always received a response directly from the Governor in regards to our letters.

PWCA would like to arrange a meeting with the Governor directly to discuss our concerns regarding equal access use of Kachemak Bay. Personal watercraft were unfairly banned from the area under the Knowles administration. With new watercraft meeting and exceeding all new emission standards we feel it's time to take another look at this unfair ban on these type of boats.

Governor Palin can call me, email me or snail mail me directly. I am the secretary of the Personal Watercraft and would be able to confirm a time and place for a meeting with Governor Palin.

Sincerely,

Gina Poths

11600 Trails End Road

Anchorage, AK 99507

907-345-6723

akpwcrdr@acsalaska.net

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2008 11:17 AM
To: nickseekatz@clearchannel.com
Subject: RE: Other

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Monday, January 21, 2008 10:14 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Nick Seekatz

address: 546 9th Ave. Fairbanks AK 99701

907-450-1029

MESSAGE:

Hello!

I've e-mailed a number of times regarding Gov. Palin getting on our radio stations once or twice a month (at her liesure). Maybe to talk about what state topic she is focusing on at the time. I would appreciate some kind of response so I can try and plan for this.

We have four stations in Fairbanks. They are KIAK-FM, KAKQ-FM, KFBX-AM, KKED-FM. We would love to be able to talk with the Gov. about whatever she would like to discuss.

Please let me know if this is doable.

Thank you,

Nick Seekatz

Clear Channel Radio

Fairbanks

nickseekatz@clearchannel.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2008 11:15 AM
To: aekearns@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Other

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Sent: Monday, January 21, 2008 1:14 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Amy Kearns

address: 7190 S Turner Drive Wasilla AK 99654

MESSAGE:

I heard Gov. Palin was going to be featured in Vogue Magazine and thought it would be the January 2008 issue. I did not see here in the magazine this month. Do you know if this was a rumor or will be in another issue in 2008

aekearns@gmail.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2008 10:50 AM
To: gigabytes_ak@hotmail.com
Subject: RE: Transportation

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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Sent: Saturday, January 19, 2008 8:39 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Transportation

Web mail from: Eric Huntington

address: Box 264 Galena AK 99741

656-1435

MESSAGE:

With the budget surplus, you should really look into extending the Elliot Highway that runs from the Dalton near Fairbanks to Manley Hot Springs all the way to Tanana. Here, a barge/ferry dock should be built with an incentive for the fuel companies to build a tank farm at the site across the Yukon River from Tanana. This project could potentially provide for significant savings regarding the future federal and state expenditures. More importantly, I believe that the project could reduce the cost of living or at least slow/stop the annual rise in costs of goods and services for the 19+ villages along the Yukon.

Sincerely,

Eric Matthew Huntington

gigabytes_ak@hotmail.com

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2008 10:33 AM
To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Re: NEA

For the second young educator's speech?

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 22 Jan 2008 09:18:41

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com, Janice Mason <janice.mason@alaska.gov>,K Perry <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: NEA

Janice, if the Lt Gov is unable to go, I can have someone in the office go and read a letter from the Gov. This is what I did last year.

-----Original Message-----

From: "gov.sarah@yahoo.com" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: "Janice Mason" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>; "K Perry" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Sent: 1/22/2008 8:41 AM

Subject: Re: NEA

So cancel the other educ speech?

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Date: Tue, 22 Jan 2008 07:42:17

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: NEA

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To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)

Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

Sent: Tue Jan 22 07:29:12 2008

Subject: Re: NEA

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Date: Tue, 22 Jan 2008 16:24:24

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Cc:"K Perry" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Subject: NEA

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2008 1:01 PM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Center for Women's Business Research Urges SBA to Revise Its Federal Contracting Plan for Women Business Owners

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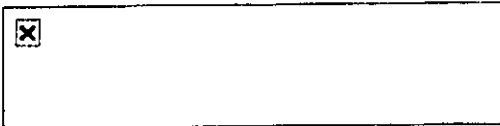
From: CfWBR Info [mailto:info@cfwbr.org]
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2008 12:08 PM
Subject: NR: Center for Women's Business Research Urges SBA to Revise Its Federal Contracting Plan for Women Business Owners

Contact: Juanita M. Weaver
Director of Media & Strategic Alliances
Center for Women's Business Research
202-638-3060 x 719
jweaver@womensbusinessre

Release date: January 22, 2008

Center for Women's Business Research Urges SBA to Revise Its Federal Contracting Plan for Women Business Owners

Washington, DC -- The Center for Women's Business Research, the premier non-profit research institute dedicated to producing data-driven knowledge exclusively on women business owners and their enterprises, has submitted testimony to the House Small Business Committee strongly opposing the recent U.S. Small Business Administration proposed rule regarding federal contract opportunities for women-owned businesses.

Even a cursory review of 2002 data suggests a much broader incidence of under-representation within almost every industry than the SBA report, *The Utilization of Women-Owned Small Businesses in Federal Contracting*, has selected. The result of this proposed ruling would be to hold contracting with women-owned businesses to a more stringent standard than any other segment of the small business community that has federal contracting goals.

"As researchers ourselves, we know that turning research into actionable knowledge is as much about knowing what data will answer the real-world questions as it is about methodology," said Margaret A. Smith, chair, Center for Women's Business Research. "We strongly urge the SBA to go back to the drawing board and with greater participation from women business owners and the organizations that represent them, to develop a plan that ensures the full participation of women-owned businesses in our nation's economic future."

Using the findings from a study conducted by the Rand Corporation, the SBA selected from among the many options presented the MOST restrictive definition of industries in which women business owners are under-represented. The proposed ruling restricts the industries where women-owned businesses are considered under-represented to four very narrowly defined industries:

- cabinet making;
- coating and engraving;
- national security and international affairs; and,
- other motor vehicle dealers (all terrain vehicles).

The result is that out of the 6.5 million (2002 U.S. Census Bureau data) majority (51%) or more women-owned businesses, only 1,247 could potentially benefit from the program.

Looking only at the 6.5 million businesses cited in the 2002 Census that are majority (51% or more) women-owned, we find such large discrepancies between the incidence of women-owned businesses in each major industry category and the percent of contracting dollars that go to women-owned businesses that it is apparent that women business owners are under-represented in Federal contracting across the board.

For example, while women-owned businesses represent more than half of the businesses in Health Care and in Educational Services, they receive only 7% of the Federal contracting dollars in Health Care and about 2% of the Federal contracting dollars in Educational Services.

In industries that are considered less traditional for women-owned businesses we see the same differences, such as:

- Utilities (14% of the businesses are women-owned but women-owned businesses receive only 1% of Federal contract dollars);
- Manufacturing (7% of the businesses vs. less than 2% of Federal contract dollars); and,
- Transportation (12% of the businesses vs. less than 1% of Federal contract dollars).

The size of the women-owned businesses or their readiness for Federal contracting cannot account for the magnitude of these differences.

Women are starting businesses at twice the rate of all businesses. The Center for Women's Business Research estimates that as of 2006, there are 7.7 million businesses majority (51%) owned by women, which generate more than $1 trillion in revenues and provide employment for 7.1 million people.

"The growth of these businesses is essential to this nation's economic vitality and competitiveness," added Margaret Smith. "Federal contracting is critical to the sustainable growth of these economic contributors."

As early as 1994, a study by the SBA's Office of Advocacy showed that women-owned businesses that received Federal contracts were more likely than other women-owned businesses to show consistent growth. More recent research by the Center for Women's Business Research shows that having government contracts continues to be one of the key factors differentiating the larger, faster growing women-owned businesses from the smaller businesses.

The Center's research also documents that fully 20% of women who own businesses in "non-traditional" industries report that being a woman is detrimental in accessing markets.

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From: Sarah Palin [gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2008 9:19 AM
To: Rowland; Mindy B (GOV)
Cc: Kelly; Russell T (GOV)
Subject: Re: Abortion

thanks mindy

----- Original Message ----
From: "Rowland, Mindy B (GOV)" <mindy.rowland@alaska.gov>
To: ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
Cc: "Kelly, Russell T (GOV)" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2008 9:17:22 AM
Subject: RE: Abortion

Hi Governor,

Rep. Lindsey Holmes was the lone nay vote.

She had earlier offered an amendment to allow an exception for the health of the mother. Her argument was that consideration should be given in the event of a mother of five children whose health could be seriously jeopardized by the unborn sixth child to such an extent that she would be unable to care for her other children. The amendment was defeated with Rep. Holmes being the only yea vote. Arguments against the amendment varied but probably the most compelling was that a cesarean could be preformed in situations where the health of the mother was at risk and the unborn child would at least have a chance of survival.

I hope this is helpful. Let me know if you have any other questions.
-Mindy

Mindy Rowland
Deputy Legislative Director
Office of Governor Sarah Palin
465-4021

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Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2008 8:21 AM
To: Kelly, Russell T (GOV); Rowland, Mindy B (GOV)
Subject: Abortion

Who voted against the partial birth ban?
Sent from my BlackBerry(r) device from Cellular One

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2008 11:20 AM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Year Two Report Finds Merit Pay Has Positive Effects on Students

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From: Department of Education Reform [mailto:edreform@uark.edu] **On Behalf Of** oep@uark.edu
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2008 9:19 AM
To: oep@uark.edu
Subject: Year Two Report Finds Merit Pay Has Positive Effects on Students

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2008

CONTACT:

Gary Ritter, endowed chair in education policy, department of education reform
Director, Office for Education Policy
College of Education and Health Professions
(479) 575-3773, oep@uark.edu

Year Two Report Finds Merit Pay Has Positive Effects on Students
Study of Little Rock schools in program reveals higher test scores for students, mixed attitudes from teachers.

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. - An evaluation of a teacher pay-for-performance program in Little Rock finds that it produces significant gains in student performance on standardized tests.

The Achievement Challenge Pilot Project (ACPP) at five elementary schools in Little Rock elementary schools offered teachers and staff substantial bonuses that vary depending on the level of increases in student achievement in each teacher's classroom.

Gary Ritter, who holds an endowed chair in education policy at the University of Arkansas, will present the findings of this study at a news conference at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 22 at the Peabody Hotel, in Little Rock. The full report is available at http://uark.edu/ua/der/Research/merit_pay/year_two.html.

According to researchers in the UA department of education reform, students in schools where the program operated in 2006-2007 enjoyed greater learning gains than their comparable peers did in three subject areas on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. Specifically, students in the merit pay schools improved by nearly seven percentile points in math, by nine percentile points in language, and by six percentile points in reading.

In the ACPP merit pay program, teachers could earn a bonus worth as much as $11,000. In 2005-2006, teachers and staff at Meadowcliff were awarded bonuses totaling $200,926, while those at Wakefield received $228,300 in performance bonuses. For the 2006-2007 school year, the program was expanded to include three more elementary schools: Geyer Springs, Mabelvale and Romine. The program began at Meadowcliff in 2004-2005, and Wakefield was added in 2005-

2006.

Also according to the UA researchers, surveys of teachers at participating and comparison schools found that attitudes were mixed about the program's effects. The ACPP teachers, in general, did not indicate being more innovative or working harder, despite the fact that these are two oft-cited potential benefits of merit pay plans. However, teachers in schools that participated for multiple years in the ACPP reported being more satisfied with their salaries than their peers in first-year ACPP schools, and comparable nonparticipating schools. With regard to the frequently cited potential disadvantages of merit pay programs, the ACPP teachers did not report divisive competition, suffering from a negative work environment, or shying away from working with low-performing students. Teachers in the three schools implementing merit pay for the first time in 2006-2007 did highlight some problems with the implementation of the program, which resulted in their discontent and decreased program support. In general, however, ACPP teachers reported being more effective teachers than their comparable peers in non-ACPP schools.

"Our two years of analysis of test data in ACPP schools in Little Rock reveal consistent findings: students of teachers who are eligible for performance bonuses enjoy academic benefits. Further, many of the criticisms of merit pay programs simply have not proven true in Little Rock," Ritter said.

The study was supervised by Ritter, director of the Office for Education Policy in the department of education reform. Jay P. Greene, who holds the endowed chair in education reform, along with graduate students and researchers in the department, also participated in the evaluation. The research team has been examining the program over the past two years, with the year two study incorporating a larger sample size of students and teachers to determine whether the initial benefits, found in the first evaluation, persist. The program is funded by the Little Rock School District, the Little Rock Public Education Foundation, the Walton Family Foundation, the Hussman Foundation and the Brown Family Foundation. Financial support for the evaluation was provided by the Walton Family Foundation.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2008 8:21 AM
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Subject: Abortion

Who voted against the partial birth ban?

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
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From: eska_idaho@verizon.net [mailto:eska_idaho@verizon.net]

Sent: Sunday, January 20, 2008 11:04 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Letter

Thank you so much for the kind letter sent to my mother, Elva Colyer. She was thrilled, and is framing it to keep. You brightened her heart considerably.

Sincerely,

Pamela Ashton

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Subject: ADN editorial

Good in this morning's newspaper... hits the nail on the head and sums up my thoughts on ACES (and Huggins).

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